



**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
OFFICE OF OPERATIONS SECURITY AND PREPAREDNESS
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WASHINGTON DC 20420**

October 19, 2018

MUCKROCK NEWS
DEPT MR 61073
411A Highland Ave
Somerville, MA 02144-2516

Re: #19-12976-F

Dear Mr. Craven:

This is in response to your September 17, 2018 FOIA request to the Department of Veterans Affairs requesting the following: "All data concerning VA police-involved shootings since June 6, 2012. Such data is required to be collected and filed by VA police officers, per VA Directive 0321, which was implemented on June 6, 2012."

As a result of the records search, the listing of facilities and dates of the incidents of police officer involved shootings at VA medical centers reported to VA Central Office OSLE during the time of June 6, 2012 to the date of your request is as follows:

Wilmington, DE	June 6, 2014
Dallas, TX	October 30, 2015
Oklahoma City, OK	January 16, 2015
Baltimore, MD	September 18, 2016
Battle Creek, MI	January 23, 2018
White City, OR	January 25, 2018

Please note that the search time executed by a senior agent to locate any records responsive to this request exceeded 15 hours; two of which would have been at no charge. Had there been a charge, the resulting cost would have been approximately \$700 for search time alone. This cost is based upon the agent's hourly rate of salary plus overhead. As the FOIA process is decentralized in VA, and since these incidents occurred at the field facility level, reports originate, are managed, and belong to the respective field facilities.

If you wish to appeal this determination, please send the appeal letter within ninety (90) days to:

Office of General Counsel (OGC/024)
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC, 20420
Fax: (202) 273-6388
Email: ogcfoiaappeals@va.gov

Please include a copy of your request and this letter with your appeal and clearly state why you disagree with the determination. Please mark the front and back of the envelope with "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

As an alternative to an appeal, you may contact VA FOIA Public Liaison, which was created to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and VA. Using this method does not affect your right to appeal. You may contact VA FOIA Public Liaison at Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20420. Email: vafoiaservice@va.gov, phone: (877) 750-3642, Fax: (202) 632-7581.

Also, the office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers mediation services to resolve disputes between persons making requests and administrative agencies as a nonexclusive alternative to litigation and, at the discretion of the OGIS, may issue advisory options if mediation has not resolved the dispute. The OGIS is at the National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi road, College Park, MD 20740, Email: ogis@nara.gov, phone: (877) 684-6448, Fax: (202) 741-5769.

Sincerely



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